

City of Austin Mobility Report

January 2025



Monthly Highlights

IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE ON TRINITY STREET AND SAN JACINTO BOULEVARD TO ENHANCE TRANSIT OPERATIONS, IMPROVE SAFETY



The City of Austin and CapMetro partnered to complete a project in downtown Austin that includes new transit priority lanes for CapMetro buses, protected bicycle lanes and enhanced pedestrian crossings on Trinity Street and San Jacinto Boulevard.

These improvements aim to:

- Enhance bus operations for the 10 existing CapMetro routes operating on the corridor.
- Support the upcoming Project Connect Expo Center Rapid line that will begin service this spring.
- Improve safety for bicyclists with protected bicycle lanes and people crossing the corridor with enhanced pedestrian crossings.
- Maintain parking and vehicle access for people driving on the corridor.

Transit priority lanes are dedicated to transit vehicles and cars making right turns. By concentrating transit in these lanes, transit priority lanes help organize travel and move more people efficiently.



IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ON THE WAY TO 14 LOCATIONS IN AUSTIN



In a project aimed at improving safety on city streets, Austin will be improving street lighting at 14 different locations across the city.

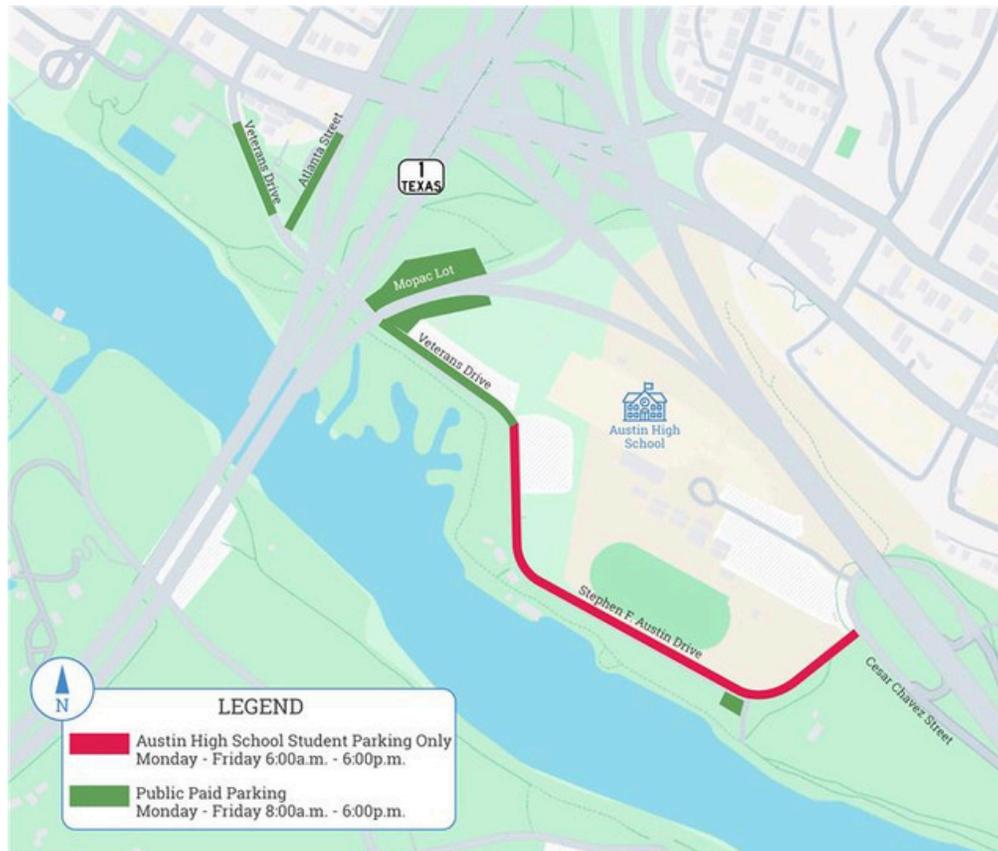
Austin City Council approved a \$1.77 million contract for the street lighting upgrades on Thursday, Dec. 12. Work will begin on lighting upgrades on Pearce Lane in Southeast Austin in January 2025, with 13 other locations to follow. In total, construction at all locations is expected to take about eight months.

The 14 locations are:

- 45th Street at Red River Street
- Braker Lane at Stonelake Boulevard
- Cullen Lane
- East Riverside Drive at Tinnin Ford Road
- East Riverside Drive at Wickersham Lane
- East Riverside Drive at Willow Creek Drive
- Pearce Lane
- South First Street at Barton Springs Road
- North Lamar Boulevard at St. Johns Avenue
- Oltorf Street at Parker Lane
- Oltorf Street at South Congress Avenue
- Slaughter Lane at Brodie Lane
- Slaughter Lane at South First Street
- South Pleasant Valley Road at East Riverside Drive



PARKING CHANGES IMPLEMENTED NEAR AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL



Parking on Stephen F. Austin Drive between West Cesar Chavez Street and Veterans Drive is now reserved for Austin High School students between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays during the school year.

The City of Austin is coordinating with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) on the change to address parking challenges for students at Austin High School. Stephen F. Austin Drive is a private street owned by AISD, which allows public access through an interlocal agreement with the City.

Public parking will still be available on Stephen F. Austin Drive prior to 6 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, all day on weekends and during AISD school breaks. Members of the public can also continue to park along Veterans Drive and in the parking lot under MoPac.



AISD police began enforcing the new rules on January 6 when students returned to school. Signs in the area have been posted informing drivers of the changes.

There may be future changes to parking hours and/or days so the public should continue to check signs in the area regularly for allowable hours of public parking.

HOW TO DISMISS A PARKING TICKET WITH PROOF OF A SAFE RIDE HOME



Before you step out to celebrate the winter holidays, it's important to explore your [safe ride options](#) if you plan on drinking. If you are dining downtown, attending an event or hanging out with friends/family make the right decision and designate a sober driver.

If you park at a City of Austin paid parking space and leave your car overnight to take a taxi, uber or public transit (bus or rail), Austin's year-round [Parking Ticket Waiver Program](#) can protect you from a fine. Submit your responsible ride receipt and parking ticket to [the waiver form online](#) to get it dismissed.

Impaired driving ruins lives. [Vision Zero analysis from 2023](#) found that 81% of drivers killed in crashes in Austin within Travis County tested positive for drugs or had a BAC over the legal limit. Don't drive under the influence and help ensure everyone makes it home safely this holiday season.



CAPMETRO SERVICE CHANGES INCLUDE NEW CAPMETRO RAPID LINES, PICKUP ZONE



The CapMetro Board of Directors has approved service changes that will be implemented in early 2025, most notably two new CapMetro Rapid lines and the new Pickup Decker Zone. There will also be minor schedule adjustments to eight routes to make arrival times better match the schedule.

The new CapMetro Rapid 800 Pleasant Valley and 837 Expo Center will launch this spring, after essential infrastructure and testing are completed. Initially, buses on both lines will arrive every 20-30 minutes, but by 2026 they should have a weekday frequency of 10-15 minutes.

The 800 will run from Berkman Drive near East 51st Street to a temporary station at Vertex Boulevard and East Slaughter Lane. It will extend to the Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride once it is completed.

The 837 will temporarily begin at Loyola Lane and Decker Lane, until a new Park & Ride at the Travis County Expo Center is completed, and travel to Republic Square.

The new Pickup Decker zone will provide flexible service to Northeast Austin and connectivity to Rapid 837. The zone will be bordered by Springdale Road to the west, US 290 to the north, Decker Lane to the east and East Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard to the south. The service will operate between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays.



PROGRESS CONTINUES ON AIRPORT BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION



Construction on the Airport Boulevard corridor from 45th Street to 55th Street continues to make progress.

Completed: We have successfully installed 692 feet of shared-use path from Middle Fiskville Road to 55th Street.

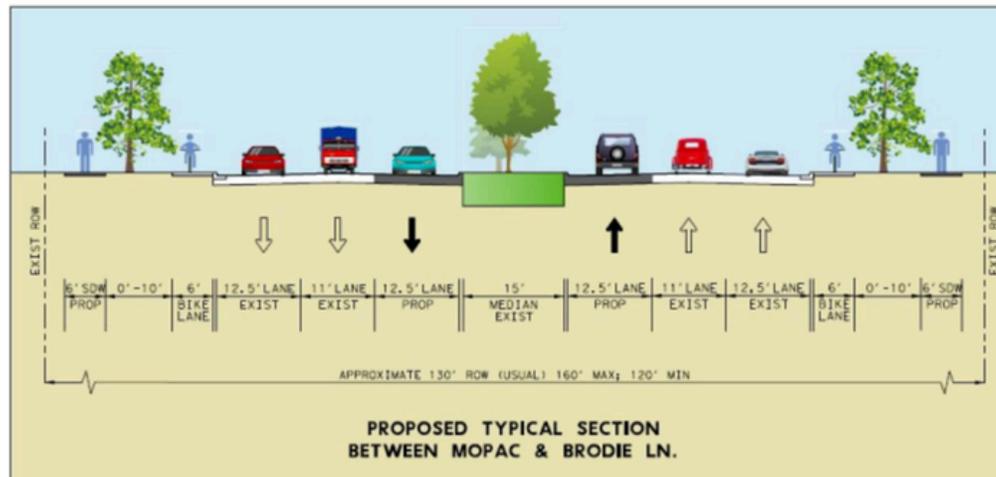
In Progress: Crews are currently working on the section from 51st Street to 46th Street.

At this time, the project is approximately **20% complete** and remains **on schedule** for full completion by the end of May 2025. Please note, these dates are subject to change.

These improvements are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance safety, accessibility, and connectivity along Airport Boulevard. We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation as we work toward completing these enhancements for all corridor users.

SLAUGHTER LANE 'C2' SEGMENT MOVES INTO BID ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Austin is adding mobility and safety improvements along the Slaughter Lane corridor between RM 1826 and Old Lockhart Road. The Slaughter 'C2' segment – from Loop 1 to east of Brodie Lane – went to bid in late November.



This segment is the second to go out to bid. Phased construction of mobility and safety improvements along Slaughter Lane began in 2021 and is funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond.

Capital Delivery Services will oversee the construction, which includes numerous enhancements:

- Modernized signals
- Pedestrian improvements at intersections like Brodie Ln. and Bowie High School
- Shared-use paths for pedestrians and cyclists
- Expanded travel lanes
- Curb extensions for safer crossings
- Drainage upgrades

The Zuniga Drive intersection will also feature a new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon and safety-focused changes.

The estimated start of work on Slaughter C2 is late Spring 2025.

Community Resources

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